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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Mentoring Partnership**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Human Resources to enter into a
4 partnership agreement with the Maryland Mentoring Partnership to expand
5 mentoring programs and opportunities for minors who reside with families who
6 are receiving temporary cash assistance or who have received such assistance
7 within a certain period; providing for the purpose of the mentoring partnership;
8 providing for the recruitment of mentors from certain organizations; providing
9 for a statewide searchable database and toll-free hotline number; providing for
10 certain training; providing for the raising of public awareness of mentoring;
11 providing for the development of strategies for certain resources; providing for
12 development of a certain statewide tracking system; requiring the Maryland
13 Mentoring Partnership to foster certain mentoring relationships; providing for
14 the funding of the Maryland Mentoring Partnership; and generally relating to
15 the Maryland Mentoring Partnership.

16 BY adding to
17 Article 88A - Department of Human Resources
18 Section 99 through 101, inclusive, to be under the new subtitle "Maryland
19 Mentoring Partnership"
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (1998 Replacement Volume and 2001 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
23 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article 88A - Department of Human Resources**

25 **MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP**

26 99.

27 (A) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ENTER INTO A PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT
28 WITH THE MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP TO EXPAND THE NETWORK OF
29 MENTORING PROGRAMS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MINORS WHO RESIDE WITH

1 FAMILIES WHO ARE RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE OR WHO HAVE
2 RECEIVED SUCH ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS.

3 (B) THE MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SHALL CONSULT IN THE
4 DEVELOPMENT OF THE AGREEMENT WITH OTHER LOCAL MENTORING PROGRAMS
5 OR ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE SUPPORTIVE OF OR PROVIDE RESOURCES FOR
6 MENTORING.

7 100.

8 (A) THE PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT IS TO INCREASE
9 SIGNIFICANTLY THE NUMBER OF MINORS WHO RESIDE WITH FAMILIES WHO ARE
10 RECEIVING TEMPORARY CASH ASSISTANCE OR WHO HAVE RECEIVED SUCH
11 ASSISTANCE WITHIN THE LAST 3 YEARS, AND HAVE ACCESS TO AND BENEFIT FROM
12 QUALITY MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS WITH CARING ADULTS BY:

13 (1) RECRUITING MENTORS FROM PUBLIC AND PRIVATE SECTOR
14 ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING:

15 (I) BUSINESSES;

16 (II) COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES;

17 (III) COMMUNITY GROUPS;

18 (IV) UNITS OF GOVERNMENT; AND

19 (V) RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS;

20 (2) PROVIDING REFERRALS OF MENTORS THROUGH A STATEWIDE
21 SEARCHABLE DATABASE AND A TOLL-FREE HOTLINE NUMBER;

22 (3) PROVIDING TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, INCLUDING
23 STATEWIDE AND REGIONAL TRAINING SESSIONS AND MONTHLY INDIVIDUALIZED
24 TRAINING IN MENTORING BEST PRACTICES, THAT FOCUSES ON SUPPORTING:

25 (I) SCHOOLS AND LOCAL NONPROFIT AGENCIES SEEKING TO
26 INITIATE, STRENGTHEN, AND EXPAND MENTORING EFFORTS; AND

27 (II) WORKPLACE AND LABOR ORGANIZATIONS, UNIVERSITIES, AND
28 FAITH-BASED ORGANIZATIONS SEEKING TO USE THEIR RESOURCES TO DEVELOP,
29 MANAGE, AND SUSTAIN A MENTORING INITIATIVE;

30 (4) RAISING PUBLIC AWARENESS OF THE NEED FOR AND BENEFIT OF
31 MENTORING THROUGH STATEWIDE MEDIA CAMPAIGNS, NEWSLETTERS, AND
32 PUBLICATIONS;

33 (5) SERVING AS A STATEWIDE CLEARINGHOUSE, NETWORK, AND
34 CATALYST FOR YOUTH MENTORING TO COORDINATE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES,
35 PROMOTE HIGH QUALITY MENTORING THROUGH THE USE OF BEST PRACTICES, AND
36 INCREASE VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT AND SUPPORT;

1 (6) DEVELOPING A STATEWIDE TRACKING SYSTEM THAT ALLOWS
2 LOCAL PROGRAMS TO REPORT:

3 (I) THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS SERVED;

4 (II) QUALITATIVE CHANGES IN THE BEHAVIOR AND ATTITUDE OF
5 STUDENTS SERVED;

6 (III) RESOURCES NEEDED; AND

7 (IV) AREAS OF NEEDED SERVICE.

8 (B) THE MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP SHALL FOSTER MENTORING
9 RELATIONSHIPS THAT MAY INCLUDE:

10 (1) ONE-TO-ONE OR BIG BROTHER/BIG SISTER RELATIONSHIPS;

11 (2) TEAM OR GROUP RELATIONSHIPS;

12 (3) ACADEMIC SUPPORT OR TUTORS;

13 (4) CAREER GUIDES;

14 (5) SOCIAL OR LIFE SKILLS COACHES; AND

15 (6) OTHER SCHOOL, COMMUNITY, AND WORKPLACE-BASED
16 RELATIONSHIPS.

17 101.

18 (A) BEGINNING JULY 1, 2003, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN THE
19 DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL BUDGET AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING \$500,000 TO BE USED,
20 TOGETHER WITH EQUAL MATCHING FUNDS FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, TO FUND
21 THE COSTS OF THE MARYLAND MENTORING PARTNERSHIP.

22 (B) IF THE FULL EXTENT OF THE MATCHING FUNDS ARE NOT RECEIVED
23 FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR, THE DEPARTMENT MAY FUND COSTS EQUAL TO THE
24 AMOUNT OF MATCHING FUNDS RECEIVED.

25 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
26 October 1, 2002.